

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert on page 1, after the Title:

-- This application claims priority of Provisional Application U.S. Ser. No. 60/154,322, filed September 17, 1999. --

REMARKS

This amendment clarifies that this application claims priority to U.S. Ser. No. 60/154,322.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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